

EPP/MSI Students Participate in the American Meteorological Society Meeting in New Orleans, January 2016



From January 10th-14th, 2016, the 96th annual American Meteorological Society (AMS) Meeting was held at the Ernest M. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, LA. The AMS Annual Meeting is the world's largest conference on weather, water and climate. This year, the conference brought together 3,780 professionals and 800 students.

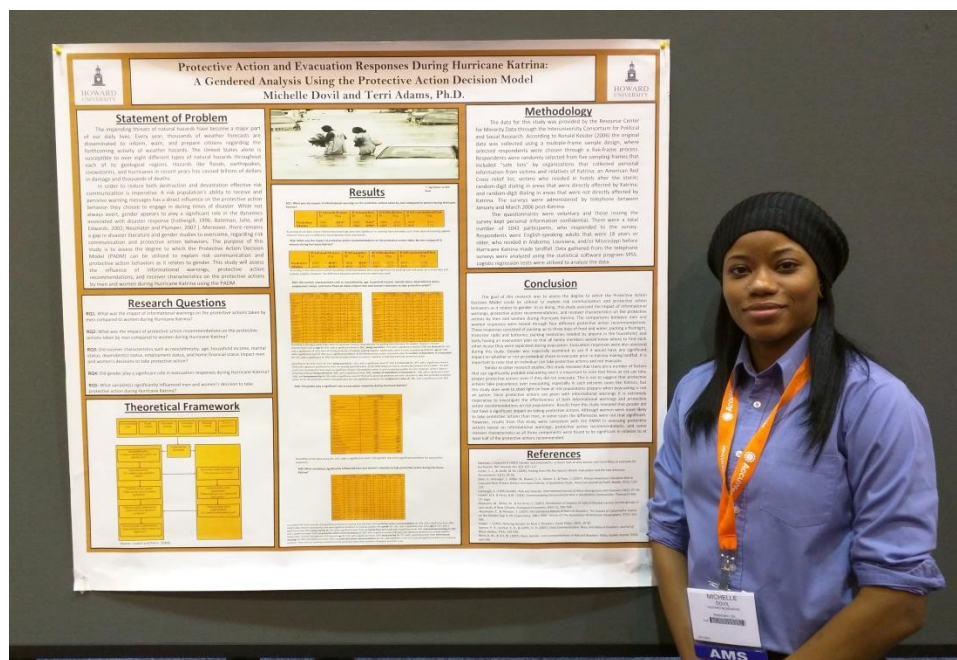
Undergraduate students, graduate students and faculty from the NOAA Center for Atmospheric Science (NCAS) and the NOAA Cooperative Remote Sensing Science & Technology Center (CREST) participated in the meeting. [Three EPP/MSI Undergraduate Scholars presented their research](#); Zainab Ali (Atmospheric Science major; North Carolina A&T University) gave an oral presentation entitled "Sticky questions and endless debates: Integrating Social and Behavioral Science into Meteorological Research and Practice". Jala Morrow (Applied Mathematics major; Jackson State University) and Samuel Oge (Electrical Engineering major; City College of the City University of New York) gave poster presentations on their research.

In addition, the *Colour of Weather* Diversity Networking Reception celebrated 15 years with record participation. The *Colour of Weather* was co-founded by NCAS Director Dr. Vernon Morris, and began as an informal social gathering of students and professionals in the atmospheric sciences. It officially became part of the annual AMS program in 2010, and this year the event was attended by NOAA Administrator, Dr. Kathryn Sullivan, NOAA Deputy Administrator, Vice Admiral Manson Brown and Dr. Louis Uccellini, Director of NOAA's National Weather Service, amongst many other leaders in the government, non-profit and private sectors. Additionally, over 25 academic institutions were represented at the event. Vice Admiral Brown gave remarks to the standing room-only crowd, emphasizing the importance of diversity

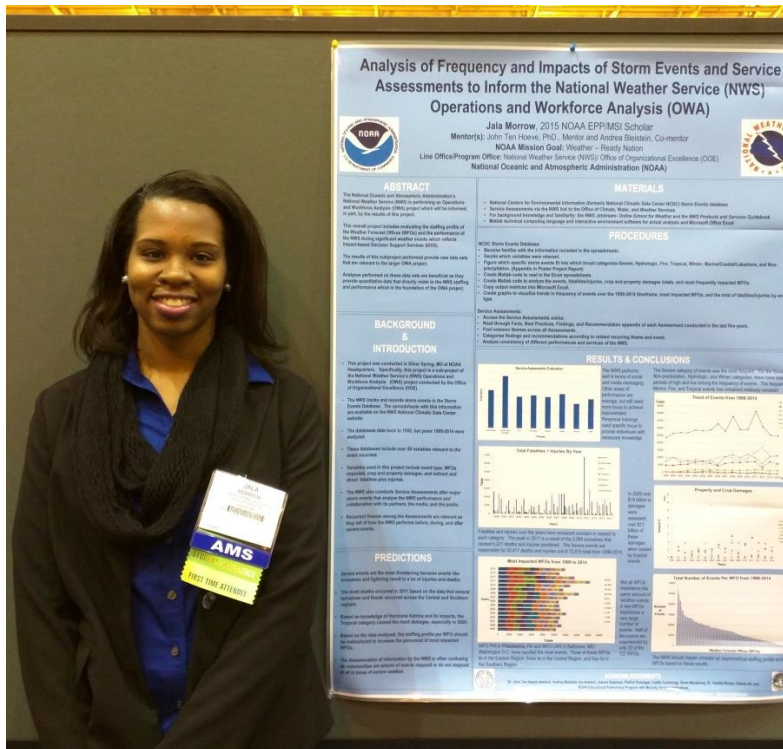
in the geosciences and encouraging students to network with the various professionals in the room and at the meeting for career guidance and mentorship.



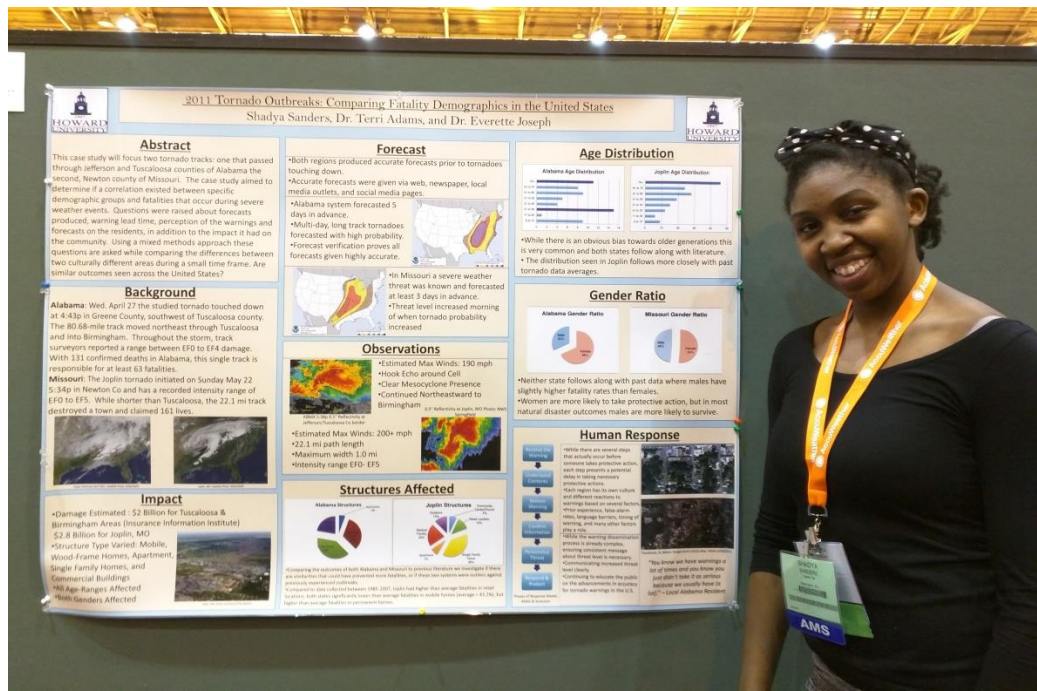
EPP/MSI Undergraduate Scholars Zainab Ali (North Carolina A&T University) and Samuel Oge (NOAA CREST; City College of the City University of New York) network during a poster session at the AMS Annual Meeting (Photo Credit: Shakila Merchant)



Michelle Dovil, an EPP/MSI supported PhD student from NCAS/Howard University, presents her social science research on Katrina evacuation decision-making (Photo Credit: John Baek)



Jala Morrow, an EPP/MSI Undergraduate Scholar from Jackson State University, presents her poster, “Analysis of storm events relative to NWS offices to inform workforce staffing levels” (Photo Credit: John Baek)



Shadya Sanders, an EPP/MSI supported MS student from Howard University, presented her poster on an analysis on property and lives lost during 2011 tornado outbreaks (Photo Credit: John Baek)



The Colour of Weather Reception (L) Vice Adm. Brown, NOAA Deputy Administrator, Dr. Vernon Morris, NCAS Director, and Dr. John Cortinas, NOAA Office of Air Quality (Photo Credit: NCAS)